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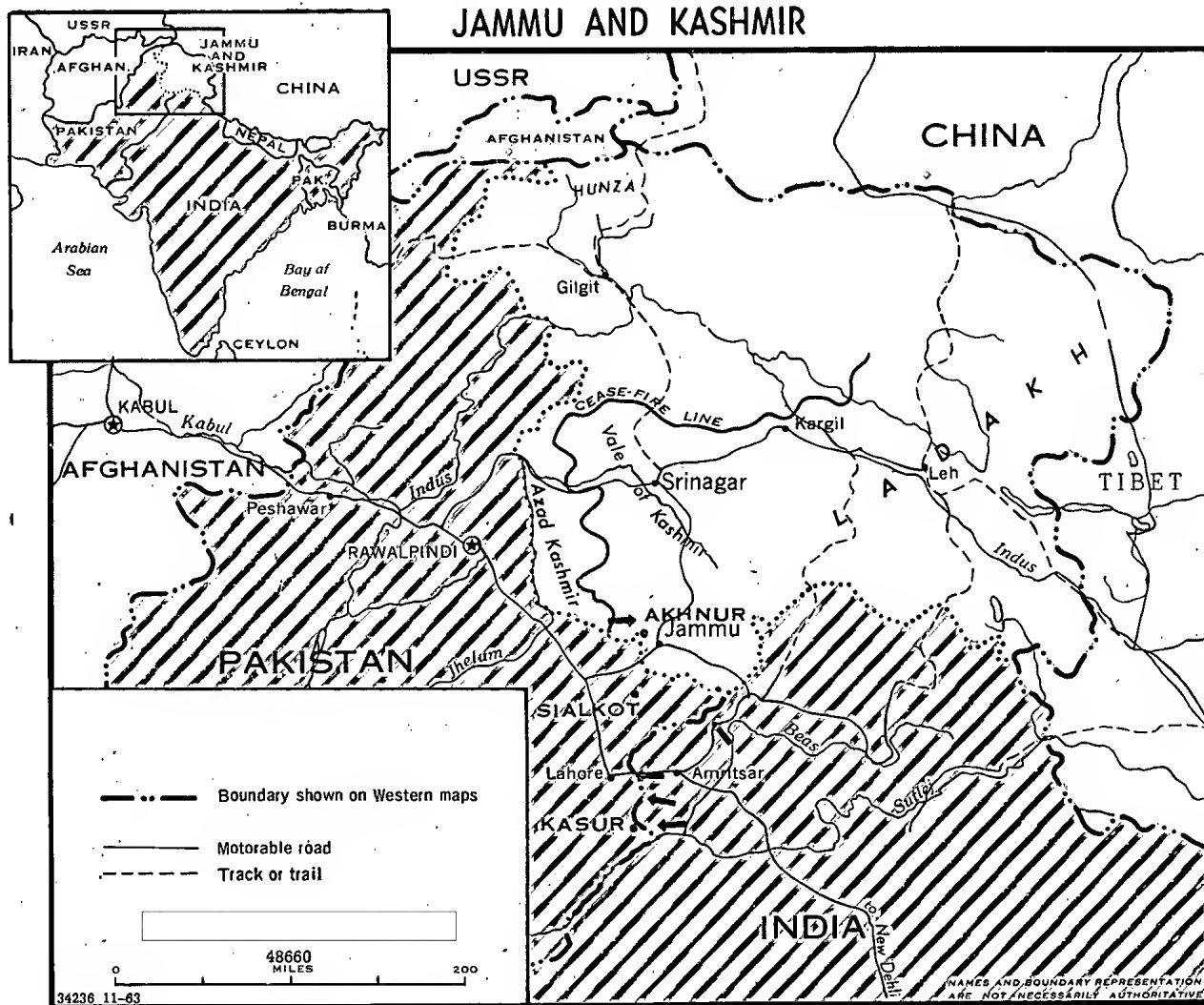
THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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1. India-Pakistan

There is little firm reporting yet on the status of India's military movement across the Pakistani border toward Lahore.

The Pakistanis have told us that only two divisions are involved, and that they think the Indian attack has been made with forces immediately available in the Punjab border area.

A US military official in New Delhi believes that the Indians have one armored and four infantry divisions available for use in the Punjab. There is no sign yet of any Indian move against East Pakistan, where the Pakistani defenses are temptingly weak.

Leaders on both sides are using extreme language. Ayub told Ambassador McConaughy this morning that "we are getting ready for a desperate fight." But neither side has declared full war, and the objectives on both sides still appear limited. With each thrust and counter-thrust, however, the situation becomes more difficult for either to control.

Ayub again emphasized to McConaughy that he regards the US in large part responsible for the Indian "aggression." He also reiterated protestations of his friendship for the US, however. The Pakistanis meanwhile have asked for a special CENTO meeting as well as for US action against India under the terms of the 1959 US-Pakistan agreement.

There has been no indication of any Chinese Communist military movement to divert Indian attention. Chinese statements have supported Pakistan, but Peking's overall posture appears to be one of caution.

Plans are being developed for the evacuation of American citizens from areas endangered by the fighting. Our consulate general in Lahore has distributed a warning notice to Americans in its district.

2. Vietnam

A preliminary field evaluation of voice communications associated with a surface-to-air missile firing north of Hanoi yesterday suggests that the Vietnamese conducted the launching operation.

This may have been only an exercise, but it marks the first time that the Vietnamese have been detected controlling the launch phase of a missile operation.

Similar voice intercepts on 3 September and 26 July had indicated that Soviet and Vietnamese crews were operating in tandem. On these two occasions, however, the Vietnamese crews seem to have been engaged in radar surveillance of the targets while the Soviets did the firing.

Some of Peiping's recent propaganda blasts against negotiations seem designed to stiffen Hanoi on this matter.

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3. Dominican Republic

General Wessin made it clear this morning, in a talk with Garcia Godoy and Ambassador Bunker, that he does not intend to leave the country voluntarily at this time.

This reaction probably reflects the fears of some younger officers under Wessin for their future, as well as Wessin's own preoccupations, and will therefore be the more difficult to deal with. The rebels' current crowing over the military is not helping.

A review of Garcia Godoy's cabinet appointments to date reveals that the majority fit in with his ideas of consensus and technical competence, but several will arouse concern. The most questionable appointment is that of Morel Cerda to be attorney general. Morel is pronouncedly leftist and may be a Communist sympathizer.

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4. Greece

The King's position has been seriously weakened by developments over the weekend.

The King had hoped that in his Crown Council meeting last week all the other ex-premiers would present a united front against Papandreou's demand for elections. However, the conservative leader, Kanellopoulos, said he would agree to elections if they were held under a government that he would form.

Papandreou has taken up Kanellopoulos on this, and the King is thus confronted by the leaders of the two largest parties calling for elections. Kanellopoulos is now under strong pressure to renege, but whatever the immediate outcome, Papandreou and his leftist allies have scored again.

5. Jordan

The Israeli "reprisal" raid into Jordan this weekend further undercuts the Jordanians' ability to resist pressure from other Arab states, especially Egypt, to beef up Jordan's defenses with Soviet equipment.

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6. South Korea

Antigovernment student leaders plan to resume demonstrations tomorrow

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The police are apprised of these plans and are confident they can handle the situation. There is still some danger that the police, taking their cue from President Pak's tough line, may suppress agitation so enthusiastically that they provoke further disorders.

7. Sudan

An officer from our embassy in Leopoldville has confirmed that the Congolese Government is providing significant support for the southern Sudanese rebels.

The mercenary commander of Leopoldville's forces at Aba in the northeastern Congo told the officer that "thousands" of weapons, mostly Soviet and Chinese types captured from Congolese rebels, had been turned over to the Sudanese dissidents. Mercenaries also periodically "take leave" from their Congo posts to help train the Sudanese, and Aba itself is clearly used as a rest area.

The mercenary leader indicated that the Sudanese rebels, with Congo mercenary assistance, are planning to capture a Sudanese town near the border. If such an attack develops, the Sudanese Government would tend to lay the blame on the US as well as on Leopoldville.

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